

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 11-16 are amended to remove the term “means”.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting and conducting an interview in this Application. Applicant amends the claims as discussed in the interview and it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 15-26, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,115,137 to Ozawa et al. (“Ozawa”). Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12, which are all the independent claims in the application, are amended to recite that the program transmitting command “relates to a transmission of a program recorded on the external recording medium.” As the Examiner agreed in the interview, Ozawa does not teach this limitation and therefore does not anticipate any of the independent claims. The remaining claims under this rejection (i.e., claims 5-10, 15-26, 29 and 30) are not anticipated by Ozawa at least because of their dependency from the independent claims.

Claims 3, 4, 13, 14, 27, 28, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozawa in view of JP 09-0465577 (“JP ‘577”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

JP ‘577 is cited for teaching downloading a printer driver to a digital camera from an external device and eliminating that driver from the camera memory to save memory space. See page 6 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that JP ‘577 does not cure the deficiencies of Ozawa discussed above. Hence, the Ozawa/JP ‘577 combination asserted in the

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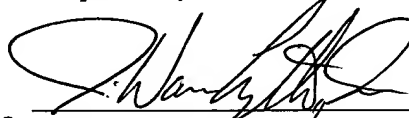
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Office Action does not render the claims rejected under §103 unpatentable at least by virtue of their dependency from the independent claims discussed above.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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